

**WILLIAMSBURG  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 22, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Board member Mr. Hertzler called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Hertzler were Board members Mr. Klee, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Spence and Mr. Quarles. Chairman Williams and Board member Mr. Lane were absent. Also present was Zoning Officer Beck and Zoning Administrator Murphy.

**ARB #05-062    CWF/307 South England Street/Spa & Fitness Center – Exterior Changes to Spa & Fitness Center – Approved.**

**ARB #05-092    Hagey/501 Randolph Street – Fence – Approved.**

**ARB #05-094    Summitt/117 Richmond Hill Court – Exterior Changes (gutters, paint colors for doors and the removal of French doors and glass from garden room) – Approved.**

**ARB #05-056    High Street/Richmond Road – Exterior Changes (Building #3 and #13) – Approved.**

**ARB #05-091    White/648 Counselors Way – Exterior Change (retroactive approval to add two windows in attic) – Approved.**

Mr. Spence motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Recorded vote on the motion:**

Aye:            Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Spence, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Quarles.

Nay:            None.

Absent:        Mr. Williams and Mr. Lane.

Abstain:       Mr. Klee, Mr. Spence and Mr. Edwards from ARB #05-062.

**ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT**

**ARB #05-051    Murphy/434 S. Henry Street – Fencing and Fountain**

Trinh Murphy presented the proposal for the concrete fountain and four-foot black aluminum fence around the perimeter of the front yard. She stated that in Chinese culture water represented peace and tranquility and having the fountain aligned with the front door kept people from looking straight in their home and protected their home from negative forces. She noted when the fence is installed; it would help reduce the mass of the fountain from the street.

Sandy Lenthall, 688 Counselor Way spoke in favor of the request noting other objects in the corridor or more objectionable and that the fountain with the proposed fencing and landscaping will be a positive improvement to the streetscape.

Alan Melton, 127 Hunting Cove spoke in favor of the request noting approval of the lion motif for the fountain.

Ed Diggs, 514 South Henry Street spoke in favor of the request noting approval of the lion, the melting of the two cultures and thought the fence would help soften the fountain from the street.

John Vajda, 664 Counselor Way spoke in favor of the request noting the new home was a considerable improvement over the old structure that was located on the property and that landscaping will mitigate the fountain.

Beckon Marcus, 109 Sheriff Place spoke in favor of the fountain.

Steve Paris, 5245 Queens Bishop Lane spoke in favor of the fountain and supported the lion's motif.

Ed Kelly, 126 Cove Point Lane, all spoke in favor of the fountain and also liked the lion's motif.

Mr. Spence motioned to approve ARB #05-051 as presented.

**Recorded vote on the motion:**

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Spence, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Quarles.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Williams and Mr. Lane.

Abstain: None.

**ARB #05-090      Williamsburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority/743  
Scotland Street – Exterior Changes (stoop, railings and  
fencing)**

Jim Gurganus presented the proposed changes to the dwelling to include a new stoop on the side elevation, new railings and fencing. Mr. Gurganus noted based on staff concern on removal of the chimney that he proposes to keep the chimney on the exterior to retain its historical integrity. He stated they planned to remove the two existing brick steps at the kitchen entrance because they are too narrow and low to safely grasp the door knob.

Mr. Klee asked if the front door ever faced Braxton Court. Mr. Gurganus stated, he asked Robert Braxton, life long resident of Braxton Court, and was informed the door was on the Braxton Court elevation, but never used.

Board members expressed concern with removal of the steps at the kitchen and suggested if the new wooden stoop could be constructed over the existing steps or if a concrete and brick platform could be built to match the front door steps. Mr. Gurganus agreed to construct the wooden platform over the existing brick steps to retain the historical value of the steps for future owners if they desire to construct a brick platform.

Mr. Klee motioned to approve ARB #05-090 conditioned upon the kitchen steps and platform being built with brick or with wood over the existing two steps, and the chimney not being removed.

**Recorded vote on the motion:**

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Spence, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Quarles.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Williams and Mr. Lane.

Abstain: None.

**CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**ARB #05-089 Econo Lodge/1900 Richmond Road – New Color Scheme**

The Board tabled the application because no representative was present.

**ARB #05-093 Second Street Restaurant/140 Second Street – Additions**

Jeff Barra, architect, Mickey Chohany, owner, return to the Board for final approval after receiving a conceptual approval at the September 27, 2005 meeting. Mr. Barra noted they would be installing windows without muntins on the addition, and asked if the windows with muntins located at the entrance/waiting area should remain or be removed. Board members agreed that the windows with muntins should be replaced with windows without muntins to keep the windows consistent on the building.

Mr. Klee motioned to approve ARB #05-093 conditioned upon the windows with muntins at the entrance/waiting area being replaced with windows without muntins to match the other windows on the restaurant.

**Recorded vote on the motion:**

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Spence, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Quarles.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Williams and Mr. Lane.

Abstain: None.

**SIGNS**

**ARB**

**SIGN #05-042 Capitol Landing Center/944-952 Capitol Landing Road – Monument Sign**

Perry Moore presented the sign proposal noting the proposed sign location and colors. The Board followed with a discussion on the number fonts and the background colors. The Board noted the number fonts exceeded the permitted amount allowed by the ***Design Review Guidelines*** which is two different fonts. They suggested matching the telephone number font to the “Commonwealth Insurance Center” font. Mrs. Moore agreed. The Board also noted that the Navy Blue and White background colors would need to be opaque.

Mr. Klee motioned to approve ARB Sign #05-042 conditioned upon the following:

- The telephone number font matching the “Commonwealth Insurance Center” font.
- Navy blue background being opaque.
- White background at the bottom sign being opaque.

**Recorded vote on the motion:**

Aye: Mr. Klee, Mr. Hertzler, Mr. Spence, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Quarles.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: Mr. Williams and Mr. Lane.  
Abstain: None.

**Minutes November 8, 2005**

The minutes were approved as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Jason L. Beck  
Zoning Officer